

REMARKS

The applicants have carefully considered the official action mailed on December 4, 2006, and the reference cited therein. In the official action, claims 1-19 were rejected as unpatentable over Sizer, II et al. in view of Snelling et al. and allegedly admitted prior art. Claim 2 was further rejected as unpatentable over Sizer, II et al. in view of Snelling et al. and Storek et al, claims 3-5 and 8-17 were further rejected as unpatentable over Sizer, II et al. in view of Snelling et al. and Launey et al., and claims 1, 3-17 were further rejected as unpatentable over Launey et al. in view of Snelling et al. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

The official action contends that Snelling et al. disclose “a wireless local loop transceiver (#680) for the purpose of integrating the security and home automation features with information services.” [official action, p. 4] However, the applicants respectfully submit that this contention is incorrect. The radio transceiver 680 is not a wireless local loop transceiver as presently claimed. Instead, the radio transceiver 680 is configured to enable communications between a network control unit for a household and a plurality of wireless access units distributed within the household. In other words, the radio transceiver 680 described by Snelling et al. is configured to provide wireless communications within a household, not a local loop as presently claimed. [See, e.g., col. 6, ll. 30-36] The examiner appears to appreciate the meaning of the language “local loop transceiver” because he states that a local loop transceiver may be used “to provide a local loop in places which does not have an existing cable or telephone communication infrastructure facilities.” [official action, p5] However, as noted above, the radio transceiver 680 described by Snelling et al. is not configured to provide local loop communication functionality such as that provided by cable and/or telephone communication infrastructure facilities. Rather, the radio transceiver 680 is

configured to enable wireless communications between wireless access units and a network control unit, all of which typically reside within a household.

Thus, because neither Snelling et al. nor any of the remaining references asserted in the official action describes or suggests a wireless local loop transceiver or a wireless local loop link or connection as presently claimed, no combination of Sizer, II et al., Snelling et al. Storek et al., and Launey et al. can render the pending claims obvious. Accordingly, the applicants respectfully submit that the rejections of claims 1-19 must be withdrawn.

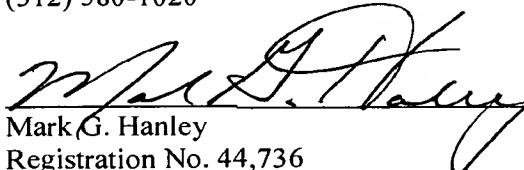
Thus, for at least the foregoing reasons, the applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining issues in this application, the applicants urge the examiner to contact the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due for the filing of this paper to deposit account number 50-2455.

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